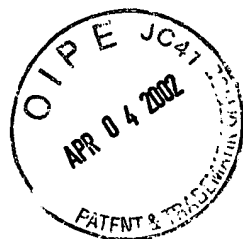


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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001. Contrary to the previous Office Action and based on the discussion below, Applicant believes that claims 11-20 are the only pending claims in the subject application and that these claims are allowable.

In the claims:

No amendments are requested by way of this paper.

However, because of the confusion concerning the subject application, Applicant submits a clean version of the entire set of pending claims in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §1.121(c)(3).